

## Senate Resolution 697

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Randy Samuel Roberts; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the untimely loss of a devoted friend, Mr. Randy  
3 Samuel Roberts, on February 27, 2009, at only 36 years of age; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts was born on October 25, 1972, in Miami, Florida, a beloved son of  
5 Ida Roberts and John P. Roberts; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts stood out as a natural leader at an early age with his involvement  
7 in student government, and he was the first former student of the district elected to the  
8 Broward County School Board; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida, where he was an  
10 active member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts worked in public relations for BellSouth's wireless service and  
12 Cingular Wireless before he embarked upon his distinguished career with Publix Super  
13 Markets in 2003; and
- 14 WHEREAS, as Director of Government Relations for Publix, Mr. Roberts was well known  
15 and respected by legislators in Washington and throughout the Southeast; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts will be forever remembered for his quick sense of humor, his  
17 intellect, his integrity, and his dedication to his family and career; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he believed that the world of politics could be a force for good, and he played  
19 a vital role in leadership and commitment to the grocery industry across the country; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a recognized leader in civic affairs, Mr. Roberts was active in the Georgia

21 Food Industry Association, the Georgia Retail Association, and the Georgia Chamber of  
22 Commerce; and

23 WHEREAS, a man of great faith and devotion, Mr. Roberts was an active member of First  
24 United Methodist Church in Lakeland, Florida; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts was united in love and marriage for nine wonderful years to his  
26 wife, Sara, and they were blessed with two beautiful children, Charlotte Arden and Samuel  
27 Porter; and

28 WHEREAS, he leaves behind many who will cherish his memory and the wonderful times  
29 shared, including his wife and children; his parents; his sister, Rebecca; and his four brothers,  
30 John, Jr., Bobby, Michael, and Russ Salerno.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Randy Samuel Roberts and commending his  
33 accomplishments and contributions to the State of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Senate is authorized and directed to  
35 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Randy Samuel Roberts.